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## ALBERTA NURSING HOME PLAN

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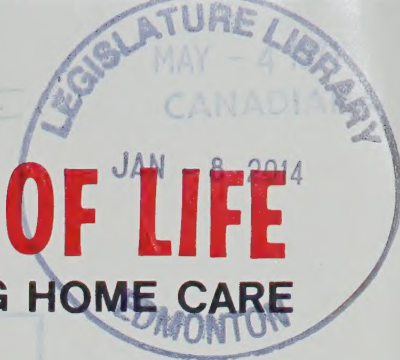
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## FOR THOSE WHO NEED NURSING HOME CARE



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### GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of The Alberta Nursing Home Plan, which was established in April 1964, is to provide care for those who are not well enough to be accommodated in a senior citizens' lodge and yet not sick enough to be in a hospital. The Plan, however, is not restricted to senior citizens but is intended for any person requiring such personal services as help in walking and getting in and out of bed, assistance with bathing, dressing or feeding, preparation of special diets, supervision of medications and other types of personal assistance of this order.

The nursing homes which operate under the Plan are approved by the local board of the nursing home district in which they are located and are subject to the requirements of The Nursing Homes Act and Regulations and to the supervision of the Hospital Services Section of the Department of Health which administers the Plan in conjunction with the district boards.

All new nursing homes being built must comply with the Minimum Standards of Nursing Home Construction which prescribe in addition to essential services such extra facilities as barber and beauty shops and areas for the provision of diversional and religious activities.



## BENEFITS

The benefits provided under the Plan consist of a payment of \$5.50 per patient per day by the Province for nursing home care given by a contract nursing home. Nursing home care includes the following services:

- (a) accommodation, meals and laundry;
- (b) personal services such as help and supervision in cleanliness, mobility, safety, feeding and dressing;
- (c) special diets when necessary;
- (d) routine drugs and dressings as ordered by the attending physician;
- (e) recreational, diversional and re-activational activities.

## EXCLUSIONS

Services which are not included as benefits under the Plan and for which patients must assume financial responsibility are:

- (a) doctors' fees;
- (b) ambulance service;
- (c) transportation to or from the nursing home;
- (d) special laundry and dry cleaning services;
- (e) special drugs and medical and surgical supplies and prosthetic and other appliances;
- (f) differential charges between standard ward and private or semi-private accommodation when private or semi-private accommodation is provided at the patient's request.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS

Benefits are provided under the Plan for any patient in a contract nursing home who

- (a) has been found by a duly appointed medical assessment committee to require care in a nursing home; and
- (b) has established his home in Alberta and has resided in Alberta either
  - (i) for the three consecutive years immediately preceding the application for benefits, or
  - (ii) for a period of at least ten consecutive years at any time preceding the application for benefits.

A temporary absence of less than twelve consecutive months from Alberta is not considered to be a break in this residency requirement providing that



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a person left with the intention of returning to his home in Alberta.

However, benefits may not be paid in respect of a patient where payment for his care in a nursing home

- (a) is the responsibility of
  - (i) the Department of Social Development;
  - (ii) the Workmen's Compensation Board;
  - (iii) the Department of Veterans' Affairs (Canada);
  - (iv) the Department of National Defence (Canada); or
  - (v) the Indian and Northern Health Services of the Department of National Health and Welfare (Canada); or

(b) is provided for under any other statute.

Persons who do not qualify for benefits either because they have been assessed as not requiring nursing home care or because they do not meet residency requirements are responsible for payment of a rate determined by the contract nursing home.

However, where a person requires nursing home care but does not meet residency requirements and is unable to pay the full rate charged he may apply for assistance to the nearest regional office of the Department of Social Development.

No benefits are provided for care in a nursing home outside of Alberta.

### CONTRACT NURSING HOMES

Contract nursing homes are nursing homes in Alberta which have

- (a) been approved by the board of the nursing home district in which they are located; and
- (b) entered into a contract with the Minister of Health for the provision of nursing home care in accordance with the requirements of The Nursing Homes Act and Regulations.

An up-to-date list of contract nursing homes may be obtained by contacting Hospital Services Section, Department of Health, Administration Building, Edmonton.



*Family Gathering*





## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO A CONTRACT NURSING HOME

A person seeking admission to a contract nursing home should follow the procedure outlined below.

- (a) The attending physician of the prospective nursing home patient must complete an Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home Admission Assessment Form DH. HS. 290. This form is available at all auxiliary hospitals and contract nursing homes and at most general hospitals. In any event, the form may be obtained directly from Hospital Services Section, Department of Health, Edmonton.
- (b) When completed, all three copies of the Form DH. HS. 290 must be submitted to the Medical Assessment Committee of an auxiliary hospital or of a nursing home district where such a district is not served by an auxiliary hospital.
- (c) To ensure that the applicant is referred to the type of institution which best provides the care required, the Medical Assessment Committee will determine whether the applicant requires auxiliary hospital care or nursing home care. For this reason the applicant's attending physician should also indicate on Form DH. HS. 290
  - (i) the name of the auxiliary hospital to which the applicant would prefer being admitted, should he be assessed as requiring auxiliary hospital care; and
  - (ii) the name of the contract nursing home to which the applicant would prefer being admitted, should he be assessed as requiring nursing home care.
- (d) Once the applicant has been assessed as requiring nursing home care, he should then make arrangements necessary for admission to the contract nursing home of his choice, directly with that nursing home.

## RATES CHARGEABLE TO ELIGIBLE PATIENTS

Patients eligible under The Nursing Homes Act are required to pay an amount not exceeding:

- (a) \$3.50 per day for standard ward;
- (b) \$5.50 per day for semi-private room when such accommodation has been provided at the patient's request;
- (c) \$8.50 per day for private room when such accommodation has been provided at the patient's request.

Patients who are unable to pay in whole or in part the charges of \$3.50 per day for standard ward may apply for assistance to the nearest regional office of the Department of Social Development.

## ENQUIRIES

Enquiries regarding an individual contract nursing home may be addressed to the board of the local nursing home district in which the contract nursing home is located.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting

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*Even the Young are Involved*

